



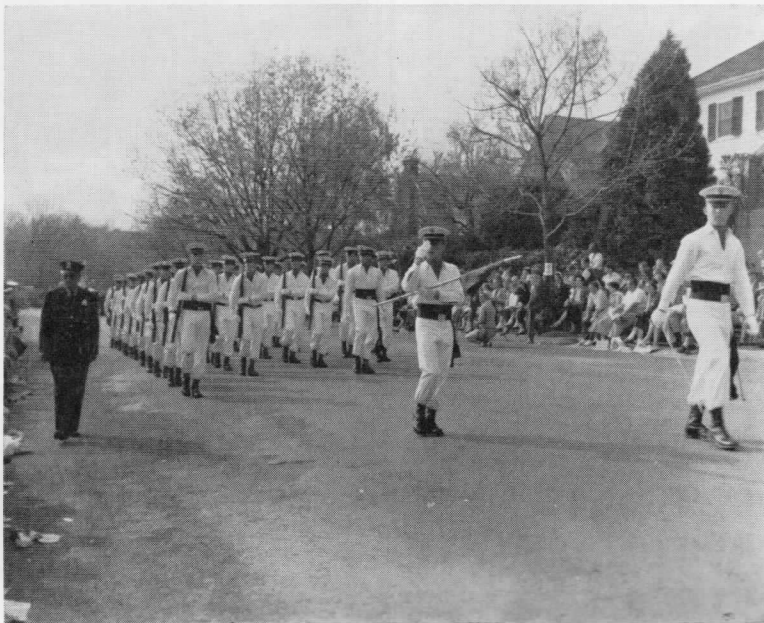
ANNUAL PIN-UP QUEEN DANCE

Memorial Gymnasium was the scene tonight of the coronation of Miss Anne Kauffman, of Suffolk and Marjorie Webster Junior College, as Pin-Up Queen of the Augusta Military Academy for 1956-57. At 10 p.m. the officers and their dates of the court entered and formed the traditional sabre arch for Miss Kauffman, her escort, and the Princesses and their dates.

Serving in the court were Cadet First Captain Adrian L. Howard with Miss Rose Marie Falls of Stuart Hall; Cadet Captain Harry Sommers with Miss Linda Wilburn of Harrisonburg, Cadet Captain Steve Tomasek with Miss Judy Webb; Cadet Captain Ed Daughtrey with Miss Ann Davis of Elkton; Cadet M/Sgt. Elgie Mininger with Miss Cornelia Prestwood of Staunton; Cadet Sgt. Duke Fancher with Miss Marne Graf of Mary Baldwin; Cadet 1st Sgt. George Snyder with Miss Anne Sellars of Stuart Hall, and Cadet Lt. Richard Mower with Miss Kathy Hammer of Harrisonburg.

Entering the hall first was the third princess, Miss Anne Bellwood of Brookneal and Mary Baldwin, escorted by Cadet Albert E. Krise III. The second princess, Miss Mary Frances Jones, of Grosse Point, Mich., and Stuart Hall, entered with Cadet Lt. Charles Hollingsworth, Miss Frances Moffett, senior from Stuart Hall and Staunton, first princess, was escorted through the sabre arch by Cadet Captain James Cecil Hollar. Just before the Queen's entrance, Cadet Freddie Wommer of Norfolk proceeded to the throne stage with the crown.

Miss Anne Kauffman then entered the hall and was met by Cadet Captain James R. Mahanes who escorted her through the sabre arch to the stage where they were joined by Col. Chas. S. Roller Jr. Taking the crown from Cadet Womer, Col. Roller spoke to the Cotillion Club members and their guests. "It certainly gives me great pleasure to crown our first princess of the past year, Queen for the new one. Miss Kauffman was outstanding in dramatics and art work



ROLLER RIFLES PASS IN REVIEW AT WINCHESTER

while at Fairfax Hall, and while at Marjorie Webster Junior College, she has been a member of the Tobacco Bowl Festival Court and just recently, a member of the Cherry Blossom Festival Court. It is an honor to crown you "Queen Anne, Pin-Up Queen of the Augusta Military Academy for the coming year."

The first dance was reserved for the Queen and Cadet Mahanes and the other members of the figure. Miss Kauffman changed her formal crown, a replica of King Edward's Crown, to a coronet of red roses. Each young woman in the figure carried arm bouquets of red roses and carnations with long blue and white streamers.

The gymnasium was a scene of royal splendor, decorated with royal blue and white. The throne stage had three levels and was covered with blue aluminum paper. The Queen's throne covered with silver paper, was on the top level and leading to it was a carpet of red. Each princess had her chair covered in blue foil. The ceiling was a canopy of blue streamers, and white streamers in an alternating pattern. On the side walls were large replicas of the two outstanding organizations of the Augusta Military Academy, the Ad Astra Per Aspera Pin and the Charles S. Roller III Rifles.

Y.M.C.A. Has Interesting Programs

Capt. Lucas, director of the Y.M.C.A. has provided A.M.A. with two very interesting and educational programs.

On Sunday night May 6, the organization was fortunate to have as its speaker, Mr. Julian Hickman, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Mr. Hickman gave a very interesting and educational talk to the corps.

He pointed out in his talk that there are two ways of living. One of these ways is the easy way, that of being dishonest, and untrustworthy.

The other way is the more difficult way of always being honest and upright.

Telling the truth and being honest, even though it may hurt you, temporarily, always pays rich dividends.

Mr. Hickman developed his theme by referring to persons who had taken the easy way, and who now are paying their debt to society.

He also stated that there are many opportunities for people to make a world a better place in which to live, and that people must look for these opportunities.

He concluded with the thought that in all our endeavors we must be honest and trustworthy.

Highlights Of The Year— Finals At Augusta!

It is often said that in spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, but at Augusta, a cadet's fancy turns to thoughts of Finals.

This year Augusta is trying to top all preceding Finals, just as it does every commencement.

Final exercises start on Saturday, June the second, with parades given by the corps of cadets and exhibition drills given by the Roller Rifles.

Saturday night is the date for the final meeting of the Ciceronian Literary Society, and the Ad Astra Informal Dance.

The events during the Literary Society will be a debate entitled, "Resolved, that the President of the United States should be elected for one six year term only." Cadets on the affirmative will be Harry Sommers and Nestor Moya. Cadets chosen to represent the negative are Robert Mariner and Hank Serwat. There will also be declamations from both the Junior and Senior Literary Societies. An incentive to give top performances is furnished by Col. Roller who annually awards medals for the best declaimers and debaters.

Finals really shift into high gear on Sunday. First, there will be the Baccalaureate Sermon given by the Rev. J. Blanton Belk, D.D., of Richmond, at the Old Stone Church. Later in the afternoon, the annual Sponsor's parade will be held. This parade is in honor of the cadet captains and their mothers. Each mother is presented with the cadet captain to his organization. After the formal presentation, the corps of cadets passes in review before the cadet captains and their mothers.

Long a tradition at A.M.A., the Augusta band gives a concert in the quadrangle in front of barracks following the parade.

Another one of the highlights at Finals is the buffet supper given by Col. and Mrs. Roller at their home, "White Hall", for seniors, their parents, patrons, and faculty on Sunday evening. In a garden setting, the parents, cadets and faculty enjoy the congeniality of the occasion.

Immediately following the "White Hall" buffet supper, the Y.M.C.A. will hold its final meeting in the Assembly Hall. Impressive as always will be the initiation of the incoming officers who will remain in office until June, 1957. Dr. Berk will again speak to the cadets and the guests of the Academy.

Contests, parades, and The Final Ball! Monday's activities are filled from morning till night.

Starting the day's activities will be a formal guard mount given by the Band and "D" Co. This will be followed by an exhibition drill by Augusta's own precision drill team, The Roller Rifles.

After lunch, in the afternoon there follows company competition among all the companies of the cadet corps for the coveted cup given to the winning company on the final day.

Platoon competition, for the platoon cup, sought by all the platoon leaders of the corps, and then individual competition for the award given to the best drilled individual of the year (which nearly every cadet enters) are features of the early afternoon. Late in the afternoon, awaited with sadness and joy, is the Senior Parade, given by the corps of cadets in honor of the graduating class of 1956. All the seniors will march "front and center" to the reviewing stand to review all the companies which pass before them.

Throughout Finals, figure practices are held in preparation for the climax of the social life at A.M.A., the famous Final Ball. This year's theme for the Final Ball will be Colonial America. The gymnasium, the scene of all of Augusta's formals, will be decorated in green and white, with a ceiling of silver aluminum. The stage will be decorated as a southern porch of a colonial mansion.

An innovation will be the honor paid the mothers of the figure leaders. A special patio has been designed to serve as a reviewing stand for the mothers, who will have the first dance with their sons.

The figure of the Final Ball has as its leader Cadet Capt. Adrian L. Howard, President, who will portray George Washington; his date, Miss Rose Marie Falls of Lynchburg and Stuart Hall, Martha Washington.

The Vice-President of the Final Ball and the president of the Cotillion Club is Cadet Capt. James R. Mahanes. He will represent Thomas Jefferson in the figure. His date, Miss Anna Kaufman of Suffolk and Marjorie Webster Junior College, will pose as Martha Jefferson.

The next leader of the figure will be Cadet Capt. Steve Tomasek of Towson, Maryland, who will pose as Lord Calvert. His date, Miss Judy Webb, of Stuart Hall will be Lady Calvert. They will be followed in the figure by Cadet Elgin Nininger and his date posing as Mr. and Mrs. John Quincy Adams.

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1956 PIN-UP QUEEN



1ST PRINCESS



2ND PRINCESS



3RD PRINCESS

Armed Forces Day Is To Show Our Power For Peace

The purpose of Armed Forces Day is a public recognition of the 3.5 million men and women in uniform today and for our 12 million veterans.

It is also a time to take stock of our military resources and why we need them. We are still in an "Age of Peril," as the Communist threat today is just as great as it has ever been. The new Soviet leaders have no desire for peace as their actions in Korea, Germany, and Indo China have shown.

They talk peace and at the same time increase their armed strength.

Our own army is being decreased, while our air power is being increased, while precautionary measures for home defense is being built up.

Our Navy is being reduced while the emphasis is being placed on atomic devices and jet aircraft power. The same can be said of the Marine Corps.

We are committed to the N.A.T.O. not only as a protection to ourselves, but as an aid to world peace.

Our armed forces in the Pacific are there to help maintain peace.

Although we are striving for peace as we are doing, we cannot place peace in the hands of foreign rulers. Thus, by remaining strong ourselves, we can possibly deter the aggressive actions of others.

Thus Armed Forces Day is to show to you and the world our desire for world peace.

Graduates! Your Most Important Contest Is Yet-To-Come

Time—late morning, June 5th; place—Memorial Gymnasium. A name is called, a short walk to the stage, a warm handshake and a presentation of a sheet of paper, then it's all over. No more work, you've graduated!

But, is it really over? Are you through with work for good? No, my friends, you are far from it. In fact, the hard work is just about to begin, and I don't mean the work you will do in College. It is the work that will tell whether you are to be a success in life or not. The graduation exercises are called commencement, and there may be good advice behind that for all of us. To commence means to begin and that is exactly what you are about to do, and don't let anyone tell you that it's all over. In the past few years that you have been attending school, you have been preparing for things to come, not just to pass tests. You are about to enter life, and in that, you are supposed to apply the knowledge you should have learned. If, by any chance you failed to do so, then blame no one, but yourself. The knowledge was there. All you had to do was grasp it, and if you have taken it, don't slow up. Use every bit that has come your way to the best of your ability, and success is all but yours. The game of life is just like an athletic contest when you get right down to it. For a long while you train and prepare yourself for the time to come. Then you are pitted against others in your class, and the one who has trained the hardest and taken advantage of all opportunities emerges the victor. It is the same way in life, only on a much larger scale. Let's hope that you have trained yourself well. Now my friends win the big contest!

Support Your Final Ball

On June 4th, Augusta's greatest Final Ball in 56 years will be presented by the Final Ball committee. The most lavish, spectacular decorations will adorn the gymnasium that have ever been there. A splendid orchestra will play while the impressive figure is going on. It will be a great occasion—or will it?

It will be great if you will support it. It is your Final Ball to support and enjoy. It's up to you to make it a success.

Remember, that this is the biggest and most looked forward to occasion of the year to most cadets. You help to make it or you help to break it. So, come on—

Support your President!
Support your Ball!
Support your Corps!
The Memorial Gymnasium awaits you.

College Coming Up

Very soon many students will be leaving Augusta to enter college. When one leaves, he should remember that his conduct reflects the type of learning he has received. What you become in college is a good indication of the kind of adult you will be. Augusta has given you the highest principles of Christianity, honor, and integrity. With these principles as guides, you should always be a credit to your school, your home, and your country.

Choosing the right college is almost as important as your conduct. Before graduating from Augusta, try to decide the type of work you are the most interested in; then choose a college that offers the best course of study for your particular profession. Always keep in mind that the profession you choose is very significant of the way you will spend your entire life.

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Who's Who In The Corps

Cadet Stephen F. Tomasek, a native of Towson, Maryland and the captain of "B" Company, entered Augusta Military Academy in the Fall of 1950 and his outstanding efficiency in his first year earned him the rank of sergeant at the beginning of his second year. Also during his first year, he played football, basketball, and Tiger football.

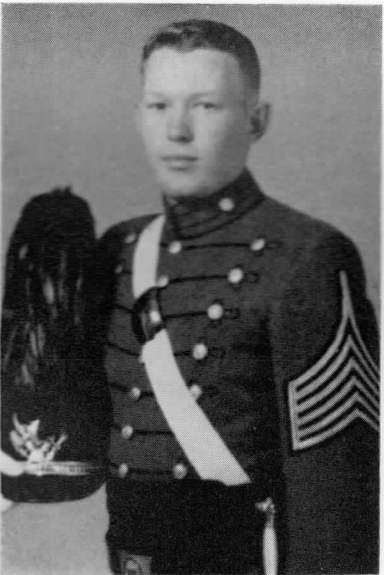
In his third year, Cadet Tomasek came back with the rank of Sergeant First Class. In the course of that year he earned the medal for the highest average in the school, academically.

During his fourth year, Cadet Tomasek received many honors, some of which were the Algebra Medal for the highest average in algebra, The French Medal for the highest average in French. He was selected a member of the Roller Rifles, the expert drill team. At the end of the year he earned the Bethaney Scholarship worth \$150 for outstanding academic work.

In his fifth year, he climbed to the rank of 2nd Lt. in "D" Company. He was Editor of the "Recall" and the "Bayonet", and did a wonderful job on both. This was Steve's first year on varsity baseball on which he made an outstanding showing. He also received the Chemistry Medal for the highest average of the year along with the medal for the best debater at Finals.

At the beginning of his sixth and final year, he was elected Vice-President of the Student Body. He became Captain of "B" Company and played Varsity Baseball and Football.

Steve won the Union Carbide and Brown Scholarships worth \$2,400 for his four years in college. He is planning to attend Washington and Lee University where he will study Chemical Engineering. At Washington and Lee he will surely keep up with the record that he has set at Augusta Military Academy.



Cadet Adrian Howard Elected Valedictorian

The Cadet Captains of Augusta Military Academy met to elect the valedictorian for 1956.

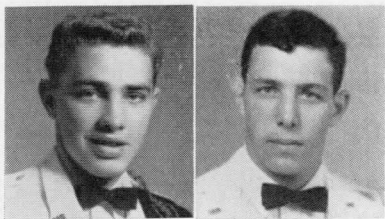
Cadet Adrian L. Howard was elected by a unanimous vote to this high honor.

Besides being the First Captain of the Corps, Cadet Howard has been elected to many other important and responsible positions.

Some of the high honors to which Cadet Howard has been elected are: Commander of the Roller Rifles, Secretary of the Student Body, Secretary of the Honor Committee, President of the Final Ball and Vice-president of the Cotillion Club.

Cadet Howard plans to enter North Carolina State next year.

Seniors Of The Month



Babione Askin

The seniors of the month are elected by their fellow classmates for their outstanding qualities, popularity, and academic standing.

First, in our spotlight, is our biggest senior, William Peter Babione. This is "Big Bill's" fourth year, and he is now the Captain of "A" Company. He is known all over the Shenandoah Valley, including Stuart Hall, for his affability and gentleman-like actions. Bill played both basketball and football, and was a stand out in both. He is Vice President of the Ciceronian Literary Society, a veteran member of the Roller Rifles, and has been on both the Honor Roll and Privilege List. At the present moment, Bill is engaged in studying both American History and a product of American Tobacco Company. If ever in doubt over the weather in the upper atmosphere, just call on Uncle Bill in room 6, in the tower.

When you do venture to room 6, you will notice our second senior of the month, Steve Askin, with his nose in an English Lit book, preparing the English homework. Steve, from Baltimore, must be quite fond of his roommate, for even at parades he marches right alongside of Bill, carrying the "A" Company guidon. Atkinz, as his College Algebra teacher calls him, played football, basketball, and baseball. He is the treasurer of the Ciceronian Literary Society, member of the Final Ball Decorating Committee, Sports Editor of the Bayonet, a declaimer at finals, has been on the staff of the Recall, and has numerously attained the Privilege List. Another past activity of Steve was his Bargain Basement, selling more overcoats than Major McCrum.

To these two roommates, this final edition of the Bayonet salutes Bill and Steve for the cheer they have added to Augusta.

A. M. A. Observes Founders Day

The annual observance of the founding of the Augusta Military Academy by Col. Charles S. Roller, the father of our principal, was held on Sunday, May 6th.

Founders Day is usually celebrated on May 8th, but this year May 8th fell on a Tuesday, and since it was the end of school, Col. Roller requested that the celebration be held on Sunday. Regular school was held on Tuesday.

The actual celebration consisted of the entire cadet corps marching up the valley pike to the Old Stone Church yard. The service held by Col. Roller's monument was brief, but inspiring. Col. McCue gave a short talk pertaining to the history of the school. An appropriate song was played by the band, triple taps was blown, and a firing squad consisting of six members fired three volleys.

The corps was dressed in white ducks and full dyke.

After the church yard observance a full dress parade was held in memory of the founder.

Because of the annual observance of Founders Day, the corps was given a nine o'clock breakfast on Monday morning. Special permits were given to all cadets.

Seniors Will To Undergraduates

Arria — His sound mind to Terry Snow.

Askin — Art of salesmanship to Lee Ray Bergman.

Babione — That Atlas physique to Buddy Krise.

Blanco — Masterful silence to Bob Carson.

Bonillia — That Ipana smile to Radford.

Cedeno — His Chemistry knowledge to Hugh Llewelyn.

Daughtrey — His driving technique to Goodloe Saunders.

Faubion — His hillbilly records to Snell.

Fernandez — His good looks to Tiny Alveranga.

Glass — His silence and strength to Jim Meier.

Gonzalas — His monkey shines to Nelson Alveranga.

Gossom — His woman problem to Jordan A. Pugh.

Handy — His black denim trousers to Colonel Roller.

Hernandez — A golden smile for Windevoxel.

Hollar — His North Carolina love to Luke Snyder.

Hollingsworth — His football playing ability to Andre Parks.

Howard — His book 'How to Win Friends and Influence People by Finances' to Terry Snow.

Johnson — His letter writing ability to himself.

Lieuterio — His neatness to Ted Rinos and Mike Everton.

Llewellyn — His ways of 'dropping' women to George Snyder.

McAllister — His baseball playing ability to Louis Mojretta.

Mahanes — His dancing prowess to Joe LeRue.

Mariner — His typing and loving ability to J. P. Smith.

Mower — His decorating ability to Bill Burell.

Moya — His leadership and lovership to Carlos Flores.

Nininger — His 'glass' boots to whoever wins them.

Perez H. — His College Algebra knowledge to Doug Trainum.

Rodgers S. — His 'Espanol' knowledge to Jim Turner.

Saunders — Nothing, since he will be back next year.

Sheffer — His wife to no one.

Shumade — His Tuba ability to Risby.

Sommers — His leading ability in the mess hall to the Hume boys.

Trainum — His keys to the post-office to Lt. Wales.

Wahl — His pipe to John Biggs and his handkerchiefs to Sedino.

Tomasek S. — His laundry keys and laundry bags to his loving brother.

Rodriquez — His excuses to whoever needs them.

Pin-up Queen Dance

A.M.A. on Friday night was really a glow,
For it was the Pin-up Queen Dance, as you all know!
Memorial gym gleamed with royal splendor
With thrilling activities on the agenda.
The first main feature was the saber arch
Through which the queen and her court did march.
Up to the throne, past the pink dogwood,
Colonel Roller crowned the queen while all the court stood.
After much picture taking and congratulations,
The first dance began for the honored ones.
Paul Noble and his band played until one,
And every couple had a barrel of fun;
Dancing and talking in a star-studded way,
So when curfew came, everyone wanted to stay.

The Spotlight

Askins and Serwat, Sports Editors

An Honest Look At Our Athletic Program

Now that this year is about to close, most of you are casting backward glances at the year just completed. It is the purpose of this editorial to direct a few of those glances at the recent year of completed athletic contests in which our teams participated.

Most of you are intelligent thinkers. It is about time that some good, clear, thinking be employed to save Augusta teams from a fate worse than death. It is perfectly evident, even to the untrained eye, that A.M.A. athletics are teetering on the verge of greatness and pathos. Lately, they have been leaning to the darker side. This is a crisis that must be squarely faced in order to beat it.

As this is the last edition of the 1956 Bayonet, nothing much is expected to come of your reading this article in regards to the sports situation this year. It is intended,

Know Your Baseball Players

Stephen F. Tomasek—This player has progressed more than any other player on this team. Steve, who hails from Baltimore, Maryland, was just a fair player on last year's team, but this year he has come to the front as an outstanding fielder as well as batter. He covers the 'hot spot' a third base, and some of his plays there have brought the spectators to their feet. One of Steve's biggest assets is his willingness to learn, and one can always see Captain Gibbs over talking to him about his hitting and fielding, and then watch Steve go to it.

Harry Sommers—From the land of Godfrey, Leesburg, Virginia, comes a fine outfielder, Harry Sommers. Harry has fought hard for his left field position, since it was a coveted position. In this season, when we have run into many long balls sailing into the outfield, Harry gets upon his horse and pulls most of them down. Of course there are a few that get beyond him. Last year Harry had but one hit for the entire season, but this year he seems to have developed a batting eye, and has been hitting right well.

Golf

"DRIVING THE BALL"

For two years now, the invincible Blue and White Golf Team of Augusta has been a thing of the past. Again interest in the sport of golf has risen. Although this year the former Blue and White team hasn't been reborn because of not enough interest in the sport up to date. However, there is much interest and enthusiasm in starting the team again.

Now again, you may see many cadets playing at the Hotel Ingle-side Golf course. The arrangements for cadets to play at Ingle-side were well taken care of by the principal, Col. Roller. Col. McCue is the present coach for our new golf team.

At the present, qualification rounds are in progress for the annual Shenandoah Invitational Golf Tournament. We have two cadets who have already qualified for the tournament. These two cadets are Diego Arria from Caracas, Venezuela and Norman Mejia of Baranquilla, Colombia.

rather, to set you to thinking, over the summer months, so that with the reopening of school next September, a new attitude towards athletic participation may be evidenced.

If any one reason could be stated as to why Augusta teams fail to bring home the bacon, it would be the existing attitude of the Corps as a whole. The time is now ripe for blasting the most worn out excuse this school has ever had. Most of you know well enough what it is. For those of you who may be struggling along under various misconceptions, the author shall take this time to clear a few of them up. First let's stop blaming our weakness on the absence of scholarship players here at A.M.A. With the exception of one or two schools, every single prep school we play in the course of an athletic year has stopped using high finance to put a team on the field. Even without paid athletes, these same schools are able to put good teams on the playing field. We have plenty of good material with which to mold strong squads, but almost half of it lies around in barracks reading comic books and writing letters. It is a shame that the existing attitude is such that these gifted fellows are not urged by their brother cadets to take part in the athletic program. Now, the men who are actually out is another point. Here again the attitude is poor. The coaches have been blamed long enough for not taking enough interest or time in working with the boys. Fellows, be at least honest in your own minds. You know very well that the coaches would go all out to help if you had the sincere desire to work and learn. The absolute indifference of those participating is to blame for the athletic losses of Augusta.

Know Your Lacrosse Players

We of the Augusta blue and white are proud of every member of our team. They all show courage and willingness to work and practice. Our two outstanding players as I see them are Rock Mower and Jimmy Harrison.

Rock, a senior, who resides in Charlestown, W. Va., has been playing lacrosse for 3 years. He was elected team captain because we think he is a good leader and will help us improve steadily as we go along. Rock has played for all he is worth this year, and he has scored 30% of the points we've made. He told us that we look better than he has ever seen us look and is confident that next year's team will be a great team. He can play any position on the team. He usually plays midfield or attack and does both exceptionally well.

Jimmy is playing lacrosse for the first time this year. He lives in Cleveland, Ohio and is a junior. He stands a good 6'3" and weighs about 190 pounds. He plays only one position, and that is defense. He, with 2 others, is responsible for keeping the opponent's score down, and believe me, when I say that, he does. If you watch very closely, you will see Jimmy at the bottom of every pile-up trying to get the ball. Give Jimmy a few more years with lacrosse and he'll be one of the best.



OUR CHAMPIONS

Augusta Military Acad. Wins National Military Schools Rifle Championship

The Augusta Military Academy Rifle Team, winners of the 2d Army Area interscholastic championships in 1955 and 1956 today received informal notification from the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice that they have won the United States National Military Schools Championship for 1956. The formal awards of the 2d Army championship medals will be made at a review on June 1st. It is hoped that the National Championship medals and the large silver trophy will be ready for presentation at the same time. The Cadets who scored in the top ten, and who will receive medals are: E. D. Daughtrey of Crozet, Virginia, high man with 768 out of a possible 800; Forrest Sheffer of Staunton, with 760; David C. Holland of Arlington, with 761; James P. Smith of Denbigh with 756; Roberto P. Spencer of Havana, Cuba, with 751; Ronald Palm of Oswego, New York, with 743; Hernan Cuesta of Caracas, Venezuela, with 742; Diego Arria of Caracas, Venezuela, with 726; Victor Rodriguez of Havana, Cuba, with 728; and Ronald Clotfelter of Yorktown, Virginia, with 726.

Cadet Daughtrey will also receive the N.R.A. team championship medal for having shot the highest average over a very successful season. He was pushed very closely by Forrest Sheffer of Staunton who scored in every match. The winning of the Na-

tional Championship brings the number of awards won by the Augusta Military Academy rifle team to a total of 32 medals and three trophies in the 1956 season.

Any team which wins the National Championship in three different years is privileged to retain the trophy on a permanent basis. Since A.M.A. was also the national winner in 1949 and 1950, the large silver trophy has now found a permanent home in Fort Defiance.

Much of the credit for the good shooting should go to the coaching of Major James V. Christy, PMS&T and Master Sergeant Jewel H. Lawrence, recently transferred to Company F 61st Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Rifle Members Win Honors

The following rifle team members qualified as experts under the provisions made by the National Rifle Association: Clotfelter R., Rodriguez, Palm, Holland, Arria, and Smith E. C.

To attain this, these boys have to fire considerably better than the army requirements for expert rating.

It is a step just below Distinguished Rifleman, a rating attained by only one out of 1000 shooters in the junior program.

Lacrosse

by Lee Steeley

Maybe some of you cadets have seen a scramble out on the front field in the afternoons that looks like football, basketball, and baseball put together and didn't know quite what it was. Well, those who play this game call it "Lacrosse". The team is not large in size, but it is fast and has quite a bit of Esprit de Corps. A great deal of its know-how was, and is still being taught, by their great instructor and coach Major P. V. Hoover. The team's schedule included 11 games this year.

In the game with Washington and Lee at Lexington, a great deal of hard fought playing and spirit made the game interesting. The team was held together by Rock Mowers, team captain. He led them to a near victory that day. Washington and Lee only scored one point in the last 3 quarters, but the final score was Washington and Lee 5, A.M.A. 1.

The next game that they played was a home game with St. Mary's from Annapolis, Md. It was another good well fought clean game. Dick Wells and Pedro Kelbaugh were the outstanding players of the day. Bill Keeny, the center for St. Mary's, was their outstanding player. They finally lost the game by the score of 10-1.

Class Prophecy

Let us now see what our graduating class of 1956 is doing in 1966.

Arria — World's largest tool-maker.

Askin — Bike Salesman.

Babione — Captain of a large U. S. Ship.

Blanco — Leading Cuban hitter on Washington Senators.

Daughtrey — Leading fruit-dealer.

Faubion — Chief Designer for See-Bee demolition division.

Fernandez — President of Cuba.

Glass — Teacher at The Samuel Huston Institute of Technology.

Gonzalis — Leading animal trainer.

Gossom — World's foremost story teller.

Hamdy — Waynesboro Police Officer.

Hernandez — Interpreter at United Nations.

Hollar — President of Snow-King Lonely Heart's Club.

Hollingsworth — Preacher at Stone Church.

Howard — Consulting engineer for Howard Construction Co.

Johnson — Col. Roller's special assistant on letter writing.

Lieutierio — In Phillipean Embassy.

Llewellyn — Head of Lynchburg Water System.

McAllister — Starting first baseman on Baltimore Orioles.

Mahanes — Truck driver for Lynhaven Florists in Waynesboro.

Mariner — Dance instructor in Maryland.

Mower — Lumber jack in Western forest.

Moya — Proud father of 11 children and husband of Barbara.

Nininger — Fisherman in Cowpasture River.

Perez H. — Leading College Algebra Authority.

Rodgers S. — Mayor of Staunton, Virginia.

Saunders G. — Assistant Commandant to Lt. Wales.

Sheffer — 20 game winner for Yankees.

Shumake — Leading tuba player for N. B. C. Orchestra.

Sommers — Head steward at home of Arthur Godfrey.

Trainum — Head of AMA's transportation corps.

Wahl — President of West German sector.

Tomasek S. — Nobel prize winner.

Jr. Barracks News

The Juniors have two softball teams this year. One is made up of the larger boys from the seventh and the eighth grades, and the other team made up of the smaller boys from the rest of the Junior school.

The larger team has played New Hope two games, losing to them by the score of 8 to 1 and 11 to 5. Sammy Lambert made the best hits of the larger team. Jack Grat-tan pitched both games.

The larger team has one more game scheduled this year which is with Mt. Sidney on the 24th of May.

The smaller team will go to New Hope the 18th to try its luck.

Billy McVey, Stephen Durst and Peter Vallone are all trying to get the top honor roll in the 8th grade.

Tom Petty and Henry Godoy are still carrying away the high honors in the 7th Grade.

Russell Gourley is still digging to hold top honors in the sixth grade.

Jessie James Porter our late comer has taken over high rank in the fifth grade.

Sammy Wales leads the fourth grade.

Richard Grammar leads the third grade with Andres Parks as the lone star in the second grade.



Director Dean Hudson



Singer Bobbie Cooke

Announcing The Final Ball Orchestra

We are proud to announce the orchestra for the 1956 Final Ball.

Dean Hudson, the "Moon Over Miami Man", is the band leader whose colorful personality, showmanship and fine music is sweeping the nation.

Dean was born into musical parentage — being one of the three sons of T. N. Brown, the famous trumpeter with John Phillip Sousa and later the conductor of the Lake Worth Symphony.

At the age of eleven, he became a drummer in his father's 110-piece harmonica band which played at President Hoover's inauguration. Then to his father's delight, Dean showed a natural aptitude and liking for the trumpet and he began studying. Early in his teens, he added the study of voice and sang as a choir boy.

His love of music and his studies did not interfere with the typical American boy's life, however, as he was active in the Boy Scouts and attained the highest rank . . . that of Eagle Scout. His outstanding achievements won him a trip to England.

After high school, Dean entered the University of Florida, where he and several classmates organized their own orchestra professionally and were known as the "Florida Clubmen". They began to play dates all over Florida, and thus Dean's career as a bandleader started.

Dean now has his greatest band and still enjoys the distinction of having played more return engagements at more schools, clubs, and service installations in the East and South, than any other single orchestra.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR—FINALS AT AUGUSTA!

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Next in the figure will be Cadet Capt. James Hollar who will portray James Oglethorpe, the founder of the colony of Georgia. His date, Miss Frances Moffett of Staunton and Stuart Hall will be Mrs. James Oglethorpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Oglethorpe will be followed by Cadet Richard Mower and his date, Miss Katherine Hammer from Harrisonburg. They will portray Mr. and Mrs. William Penn.

The next member of the first ten in the figure will be Cadet Goodloe Saunders and his date, Miss Joyce Phillips of Stuart Hall. They are representing Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin.

Following Cadet Saunders and his date will be Cadet Capt. Harry Sommers and his date, who are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Henry in the Colonial American figure.

Next among the leaders of the figure will be Cadet George Snyder and his date. Cadet Snyder will portray Governor Sir William Berkeley. His date will be Lady Berkeley.

The last, but not least, member of the figure leaders is Cadet Duke Fancher and his date, who will represent Mr. and Mrs. Paul Revere.

Since the theme of the Final Ball is Colonial America, representatives from all the original thirteen colonies have been invited to attend the Ball.

Favors for the Final Ball, always kept a secret until the big night, have been selected by the President who asserts that this year's favors will be the most unusual ever given.

Mrs. Mahanes again will provide the flowers for the ladies of the figure. Each young lady will have colonial bouquets with spring color combinations.

The orchestra for the Final Ball will be A.M.A.'s favorite, Dean Hudson.

The climax of each senior's life comes on Tuesday morning at 10 A.M.—GRADUATION.

The closing exercises will be held in Memorial Gymnasium. Awarding of certificates and diplomas, prizes, medals, and military honors will be handled by Col. Roller, the principal.

The address to the graduating class will be given by the Honorable



SCENE FROM 1955 FINAL BALL

Alumni News

Major Robert Lipp who is an instructor and assistant group leader in the only professional school for Air Force officers, sends us this information from Alabama.

At a recent graduation, they had for their speaker, General Robert Taylor III.

Robert Taylor, 3rd, was born at Baltimore, Maryland, on 13 October 1913. He attended Augusta Military Academy in Virginia. He was appointed to the U. S. Military Academy and graduated 12 June 1937, and commissioned a second lieutenant.

He attended primary flying school at Randolph Field, Texas, and graduated from advanced flying school, Kelly Field, Texas, on 5 October 1938.

Thereafter, he served in various capacities at Hamilton Field, California, Headquarters Second Air Force at Spokane, Washington, and Technical Training Command at Denver, Colorado. In December 1941, he was appointed Advisor on Military Aviation to the Director of Civil Defense, Washington, D. C. In April 1942, he was assigned Operations Officer, 44th Bomb Group (Heavy), and in September 1942, went to England in that capacity.

Y.M.C.A. Holds Mother's Day Program

Sunday, May 13th the Y.M.C.A. held its annual Mother's Day program. It was by far one of the best programs for this occasion we have ever had.

The program was put on by three mothers. Leading off the program was Mrs. H. D. Deane, wife of Colonel H. D. Deane. Mrs. Deane's talk was on the Christian Duties of a Mother in The Home.

Next on the program was Mrs. Glen Koogler, wife of Captain Koogler. Mrs. Koogler's talk was very interesting and fully enjoyed by all. Mrs. Livick, mother of Lt. Malcolm Livick, was the next speaker. Mrs. Livick brought five girls from Madison College with her to sing. The girls sang two songs which were very beautiful.

The entire Corps of Cadets attended the meetings as did most of the faculty.

We of the Y.M.C.A. would like to thank these three ladies and the five girls very much for coming, their talks were not only interesting but also very educational and beneficial.

J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., the Attorney-General of Virginia, from Richmond.

The Valedictorian address will be given by Cadet Capt. Adrian L. Howard of Richmond.

Following the exercises in the gym, the corps of cadets will form on the backtop in front of barracks for the presentation of watches to the Cadet Captains, and the awarding of company and platoon cups.

After this, the Augusta Band will play "Auld Lang Syne", ending the session of 1955-'56 at Augusta.

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Roller Rifles Win Award For Best Marching Unit

Recently, the Roller Rifles attended two big parades, one in Winchester, and the other in Lexington.

The parade in Winchester is the second largest parade in the United States. The largest parade is the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. The parade on Friday, April 27th, was the second parade of this year's Apple Blossom Festival. It had approximately 269 separate units from all parts of the country. There were many drill teams participating in the parade.

The Roller Rifles were dressed in bloused white ducks, white shirts, Cocoran boots, black belts, white gloves, red scarves, and white hat covers.

As in previous parades, the most popular movements were the marching manual and change squads. The Queen Anne Salute was done approximately five times. Each time the organization received a large ovation from the people lining the streets.

Since the reviewing stand was almost one half block long, an **Eyes Right** was executed for the judges and the officials of the festival.

There was lots of free time after the parade which provided a great deal of fun for all members of the group. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

On Monday, April 30th, the Roller Rifles marched in the parade for the Mock Democratic Convention at Washington and Lee University in Lexington. This convention and parade is held each presidential election year. Each state and some territories were represented by a float or a marching unit. The Augusta Unit was sponsored by the state of Illinois.

There were quite a few celebrities and government officials in the parade. Among these were: The late Senator Alban W. Barkley of Kentucky, Governor Stanley of Virginia, Senator Byrd of Virginia, and also Miss America.

The uniform was the same as in Winchester.

The most important item about the Lexington parade was that the A.M.A. Roller Rifles received the award for the best marching unit in the parade. The competition was stiff, and the Roller Rifles are proud of this achievement.

The Roller Rifles have given exhibition drills almost every Sunday afternoon, and of course they will parade during final exercises.

When Finals come, it will end a year of constant activity for our drill team, including parades in Alexandria, Waynesboro, Winchester, and Lexington.

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Annual Federal Inspection Made By Officers at Augusta

On April 11, Augusta had its annual government inspection under the inspecting team of Lt. Col. Harry M. Myers, West Point, 1939, present P.M.S.&T. at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, and Warrant Officer W. Harris.

After presentation to the principal, a full field inspection, including tent pitching and display of equipment was held at 8:15 a.m. This is the first year that this part has been included in the Government Inspection, for in 1955 Augusta adopted the new military school's training program which stresses field maneuvers. Following this, Col. Myers and Mr. Harris made an inspection of the military and school facilities. Classes, which were observed by the inspecting officers were "Bayonet Training", "Communications", "Map Reading," and "Tactics". These classes were supervised over by the members of the military staff at the school.

Col. and Mrs. Chas. S. Roller, Jr. entertained the inspecting party at luncheon at their home, "White Hall."

A snappy Roller Rifle drill, commanded by Cadet Capt. Howard, of Richmond, was presented at 2:00 p.m. on the parade field. The members of the crack drill team were crisply dressed in all white uniforms, red scarves, and black paratrooper boots, with the trousers tucked into the boots. The team presented the "Queen Anne Salute", "Hesitation March", "Silent Manual," and inspection of arms.

Col. and Mrs. Roller informally entertained Col. Myers, Mr. Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Carter, Mrs. Joseph Tannehill, and all members of the faculty at "White Hall" at five p.m.

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